

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 150

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A RESOLUTION recognizing members of the wildlife judging team from Putnam County on their impressive finish in the 2010 national competition.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those individuals whose exploits and abilities serve to bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ashley McGray, Mary Clack, Morgin Arms, and Rachel Clack are four such individuals who, as members of the Putnam County 4-H wildlife judging team, represented the State of Tennessee with acumen and alacrity at the 2010 National Wildlife Judging Contest in Los Alamos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these four young women each garnered individual awards at the national competition and, as a team, returned home as National Reserve Champions; and

WHEREAS, in wildlife judging, contestants must learn the species of wildlife and the habitat management practices of a particular area, in addition to writing management plans for specific areas or species; and

WHEREAS, under the astute tutelage of Extension Agent Scott Chadwell and Volunteer Leader David Clouse, Ashley, Mary, Morgin, and Rachel outperformed all other teams on the Regional and State levels and, after capturing State Champion honors, became Tennessee's representatives on the national level; and

WHEREAS, after impressive individual and team performances during a long day of tough competition, the Tennessee team was awarded with a number of awards. In addition to the team's being named as the National Reserve Champion after finishing only four points behind the team from Texas, the girls were also named as the written plan champions and, in

sterling fashion, each earned individual awards with Mary Clack finishing in twelfth place, Rachel Clack in ninth place, Morgin Arms in eighth place, and Ashley McGray in sixth place; and

WHEREAS, the display of intellectual aptitude and ambition shown by these young women surely bodes well for their future successes; and

WHEREAS, their noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for their parents, their schools, their community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Ashley McGray, Mary Clack, Morgin Arms, and Rachel Clack, members of the Putnam County 4-H wildlife judging team and regional and state champions, upon their designation as National Reserve Champions at the 2010 National Wildlife Judging Contest, applaud their unwavering dedication to the pursuit of excellence, and extend our best wishes for their every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.